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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TWB-204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Contact
FCC Seeks Comment On AT&T Request to Contribute to Universal Service
Based on Projected Revenues, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA No. 02-376

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998
Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements
Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North
American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service
Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Telecommunications Services for
Individuals with Hearing Speech Disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities
Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American
Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery
Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-
72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; Telephone Number
Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116; and Truth-in-Billing and Billing Format, CC
Docket No. 98-170

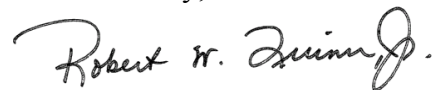
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday May 16, 2002, I had a conversation with Dorothy Attwood, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss issues related to AT&T's request to, if necessary, a modify or waive the rule that requires carriers to complete the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet using revenue figures that are lagged by six months and instead utilize a projection of revenues for assessments made beginning July 1, 2002. I stressed the need for the Commission to grant AT&T's request to, on an interim basis, contribute to universal service based on projected revenues as a first step towards reforming the universal service assessment and collection mechanism. I

reiterated that the current assessment mechanism, which bases assessment on (six-month old) interstate revenues, is irretrievably broken. AT&T's waiver would represent a first step at addressing the current inequitable mechanism, but that it should be only a first step.

The positions expressed by AT&T were consistent with those contained in the Comments and ex parte filings previously made in the aforementioned dockets. One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

cc: Dorothy Attwood